

present year 1871, &c. That the said above named chief, the lineal descendant from Petahdick, from the year 1827 up to Jacob Petahdick, the present year 1871, &c. That the said above named chief, the lineal descendants from Wapagance, from the year 1827 up to Thomas Johnston, James Johnston, and John Johnston, the present year 1871, &c. That the said above named chief, the lineal descendant from Quakegwon, from the year 1827 up to Wilson Jacob, the present year 1871, &c.

And we, the undersigned, do further certify that Puckenas, the father of Wawanosh, late chief of the said Sarnia Band, was never lawfully a chief of said Sarnia Band, for the reasons following:—The said Puckenas emigrated from a band of Indians located at Georgian Bay, Lake Superior, many years ago, and remained with the Sarnia Band one summer and one winter, and then returned to home at Georgian Bay. That soon after his arrival home he killed a number of his band and had to flee from justice, and came back to Sarnia, and there represented himself to be a Metahbick Indian, and asked to be admitted temporarily into our band and was admitted, and a tract of land lying east of Sarnia, on a small lake now called Wawanosh Lake was allotted him. At this time no waumpums were given him, in proof of the permanent conveyance of the land, being then considered by the members of our band as a tenant at will. After the death of the said Puckenas, his son, Wawanosh having attained the proper age to act, procured forty quarts of whiskey and presented it to our chiefs, and when they were, by the free use of said whiskey, in an intoxicated state, he, the said Wawanosh, by intrigue and sophistry, prevailed on our chiefs to employ him to act for them in the transaction of business with the Indian Department. He, the said Wawanosh, was never considered our chief by any of our band, he was nothing more than our public speaker or agent in the transaction of our business affairs with the Indian Department.

The above named chiefs, all of whom are opposed to the removal of the Saginaw Indians from our band, or from a proper share of our annuities, as it is proposed and advocated by Wawanosh and a few members of Walpole Island. For the further information of your honor in relation to the statements above made, relative to the doings and representations of the said Wawanosh, we refer you to the matter contained in the accompanying instrument marked A; and, also, that your honor will please to consider the accompanying affidavits of Thomas Nayahnequod, William Isaac, Nicholas Plain and Thomas Kahbenaw, of Port Sarnia; Petahwegezhick, Alexander Johnson and James Joseph, of Walpole Island; Isaac Shahnnoo, David Shahnnoo and Thomas Johnson of Kettle Point, that the department may more fully understand our wishes, we would respectfully ask your careful consideration of the petitions sent here from Port Sarnia and Walpole Island.

(Signed,) Nagezhik X	} Port Sarnia.
Thomas Nayahnequod. X	
Solomon Pahdahsong. X	} Walpole Island.
Alexander Johnston. X	
Isaac Shahnnoo. X	} Kettle Point.
David Shahnnoo. X	
Thomas Johnston. X	} Sauble.
James Johnston. X	

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State of Michigan, }  
County of St. Clair. }

On this 27th day of October, A. D. 1869, before me, a Notary Public in and for St. Clair County, Michigan, personally appeared, Joshua Wawanosh of Canada, who, being duly sworn, says, he is eighty-three years of age, and the only living child of Puckenas, one of the chiefs who signed the treaty with the United States, at Detroit, Michigan, November, 17, 1807. That the said chief had eleven children, as follows, viz:—Ashquayawing, Joshua Wawanosh, deponent, Oanyannaus, Munooyas, Oyahbuhiqua, Shagawishwaqua, Frekquahbonnoqua, Majegeshick, Odountoquatoqua, Nebenngooce, Wagageshick, and Omezhaikwence, all of whom but the deponent are now dead.